

long juicy stems of the fronds, to which they made their way through the trunk, while the latter was full of their droppings. The first outward sign of their attacks was seen in the drooping of the fronds. The inner sides of the wooden staves of the tubs were full of the irregular burrows of the white ants. Mr. Cameron also stated that a lot of cabbages in the vegetable garden attached to his house on the grounds were completely ruined by the attacks of these same white ants, as he found by inspection. Mr. Scudder recommended replacing all woodwork in contact with earth or stone by iron, and particularly the discarding of all wooden tubs; it would seem to be perfectly practicable to construct even the largest tubs of staves made of galvanized iron or some such metal.

AMPELOPSIS VEITCHII has been good hunting ground this year. I have found on one vine specimens of *Deidamia inscripta*, one; *Thyreus Abbotii*, several; *Everyx myron*, several; *Alypia octomaculata*, *Pyrophila pyramidoides*, both very abundant; *Spilosoma virginica*, few; *Hyphantria textor*, few; *Lophocampa caryae*, many; *L. tessellaris*, several; and *Cimbex ulmi*, many.

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A NEW SERIAL iconography is announced under the auspices of Mr. Paul Mabille and Vuillot of Paris, to be called *Novitates Lepidopterologicae*. These authors contemplate the issue of at least one hundred monthly parts of lexicon octavo size, each with eight pages of text and one colored plate, illustrating new and little known Lepidoptera. Only 150 copies are to be issued — a wrong to science — at the price of about three francs a part.

A SPECIMEN of *Vanessa milberti*, said to have been taken at Polegate, Sussex, England, was exhibited at the South London entomological and natural history society on October 9th.

DR. CARLOS BERG, formerly attached to

the Museo publico of Buenos Aires under Burmeister, and well known for his notable contributions to the entomology of South America, has been appointed director of the Museo de Historia Natural of Montevideo, Uruguay, and is now removed to that city.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES.

CAMBRIDGE ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB.

13 January, 1888.—The 134th meeting was held at 61 Sacramento St. Mr. S. H. Scudder was chosen chairman.

The annual report of Mr. R. Hayward, the retiring secretary, was read and accepted. The report of Mr. B. Pickman Mann, the retiring treasurer, was also read and referred to the auditors. The retiring librarian, Dr. Geo. Dimmock, presented his report which was accepted.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. B. P. Mann for the use of his office on Follen St. as a storage place for the library of the Club since its organization.

A ballot for officers for 1888 then followed, which resulted in the election of the following gentlemen: President: William Trelease. Secretary: Roland Hayward. Treasurer: Samuel Henshaw. Librarian: George Dimmock. Members at large of Executive Committee: George Dimmock and Samuel H. Scudder.

On motion the thanks of the Club were voted to Mr. B. P. Mann for his long and faithful services as treasurer of the Club.

Mr. Scudder being obliged to leave, Mr. S. Henshaw was then chosen chairman.

On account of the absence of the president, Mr. J. H. Emerton, the reading of the annual address was postponed till another meeting.

Mr. C. W. Woodworth showed a new method for mounting small insects, which gave rise to some discussion; and Dr. G. Dimmock showed an apparatus for maintaining a constant temperature in raising insects.